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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN JAMES H. SCHEUER - VISIT TO TAIPEI

1. CONGRESSMAN JAMES H. SCHEUER OF NEW YORK AND PARTY OF FOUR (WIFE, DAUGHTER, BROTHER, AND SISTER-IN-LAW) VISITED TAIPEI FROM EVENING OF MARCH 21 TO MORNING OF MARCH 24. SCHEUER, BEFORE LEAVING, EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY EMBASSY, WHICH INCLUDED BRIEFING AND LUNCHEON GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR UNGER, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUPE OFFICIALS ON POPULATION MATTERS. IN ADDITION, THE GROUP WERE LUNCHEON GUESTS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) VICE-MINISTER FREDERICK CHIEN AND DINNER GUESTS OF CONTROL OFFICER. LOGISTICAL BACKUP AND ORGANISTIC AND SHOPPING ASSISTANCE WERE PROVIDED BY BOTH EMBASSY AND MOFA.

2. CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER APPEARED GENUINELY IMPRESSED BY EVIDENCE OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN TAIWAN SINCE HIS LAST VISIT IN 1971, WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE HAD MET THE LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK. HE ALSO WAS QUITE FULSOME IN PRAISE OF ROC FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY DATA-GATHERING CAPABILITIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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LOW LEVEL, ORGANIZATION, AND EFFECTIVE SOCIAL OUT-REACH AS ILLUSTRATED IN PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE ACCEPTORS HERE FAR HIGHER THAN IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD VISITED, NOTABLY IN AFRICA.

3. SCHEUER ALSO APPEARED FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY FREDERICK CHIEN, WHO REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSING

NORMALIZATION AND PROPAGANDIZING ON ROC BEHALF
UNTIL SCHEUER HIMSELF BROUGHT UP THE TOPIC. IN
CONTRAST, ROBERT C.T. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF JOINT
COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (JCRR) USED
OCCASION OF POPULATION BRIEFING TO PLAY UP AS
STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE CONTINUING U.S. ROLE IN JCRR,
AS WELL AS TO ATTEMPT TO CHARACTERIZE HIS ORGANIZATION
AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL. UNGER

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